

SENATE BILL 3730

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the authorization to
carry weapons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1315, is amended by adding a
new subsection thereto, as follows:

(c)

(1)

(A) All full-time faculty and staff at any public postsecondary institution in this state who are not otherwise prohibited by law are authorized to carry handguns at all times upon the premises of the public postsecondary institution in which they are employed upon receiving a directive from the head of such public postsecondary institution and upon completing on an annual basis a firearm training program of at least eight (8) hours duration. Copies of the written directive shall be maintained by the public postsecondary institution issuing such directive and by the individual who is carrying a handgun pursuant to this subsection. A written directive issued pursuant to this subsection shall be valid only while the faculty or staff member is employed on a full-time basis by the public postsecondary institution.

(B) All full-time faculty and staff at any public postsecondary institution in this state who have a valid handgun carry permit issued pursuant to Section 39-17-1351 are authorized to carry handguns at all times upon the premises of the public postsecondary institution in which

they are employed. The authorization to carry handguns on a public secondary institution shall be valid only while the faculty or staff member is employed on a full-time basis by the public postsecondary institution.

(2)

(A) All full-time faculty and staff at any public school in this state who are not otherwise prohibited by law are authorized to carry handguns at all times upon the premises of the public school in which they are employed upon receiving a directive from the school superintendent in the school district in which they are employed and upon completing on an annual basis a firearm training program of at least eight (8) hours duration. Copies of the written directive shall be maintained by the school superintendent issuing such directive and by the individual who is carrying a handgun pursuant to this subsection. A written directive issued pursuant to this subsection shall be valid only while the faculty or staff member is employed on a full-time basis by the public school system.

(B) All full-time faculty and staff at any public school in this state who have a valid handgun carry permit issued pursuant to Section 39-17-1351 are authorized to carry handguns at all times upon the premises of the public school in which they are employed. The authorization to carry handguns on the premises of a public school shall be valid only while the faculty or staff member is employed on a full-time basis by the public school.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1310, is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

() A person has been issued a handgun carry permit issued pursuant to Section 39-17-1351, or a valid directive pursuant to Section 39-17-1315(c);

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.